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**DECLARATION OF Carl K. Chang
UNDER RULE 132 (37 CFR 1.132)**

I, CARL K. CHANG, declare as follows:

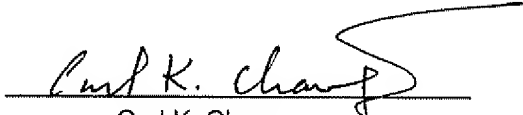
1. I am a named inventor on the present application and a citizen of the United States.
2. I am one of the authors of a publication known as CHANG '99 et al. "Rule Mitigated Collaboration Technology", (7th IEEE Workshop on Future Trends of Distributed Computing Systems, Dec. 20-22, 1999, pp. 137-42).
3. The listed authors of the Chang '99 et al. publication are Chang CK, Vorontsov A, Zhang, J, Quek F. The named inventors of the instant application are Chang CK and Quek F.
4. The Chang '99 et al. publication includes all of the Inventors of the present invention. The conception and reduction to practice of the present invention was made solely by the named inventors.
5. Scientific publications often list as authors scientists and technicians who while contributing to the substance of a publication did not contribute to the conception and/or reduction to practice of an invention that underlies the publication. The names listed on the publications and not listed as inventors fall into this class.

6. Therefore, the Chang '99 et al. publication should not be considered an "invention of another." Rather, the inventive entity responsible for that publication overlaps with the inventive entity of the instant application.

7. Moreover, the Chang '99 et al. reference was published and presented during the 7th IEEE Workshop on Future Trends of Distributed Computing Systems on December 20-22, 1999. As a result, the Chang '99 et al. reference was published less than one year prior to the filing date of the instant application. The reference cannot be used against Applicant since it does not satisfy the one (1) year requirement of 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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